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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, AR
SUBJ: CABINET CHANGES

1. SUMMARY: ALL CABINET MINISTERS AND SECRETARIES WILL PRESENT THEIR RESIGNATIONS AS OF FRIDAY, OCT 5, IN ORDER TO CLEAR DECKS FOR POSSIBLE CABINET RESHUFFLE ON PERON'S PART WHEN HE TAKES OFFICE OCT 12. ALL MINISTERS AND SECRETARIES WILL APPARENTLY STAY IN PLACE, HOWEVER, UNTIL THEIR RESIGNATIONS ARE EITHER ACCEPTED OR REJECTED BY PERON SOMETIME AFTER OCT 12. SOME, BUT NOT SWEEPING, CHANGES ARE LIKELY. END SUMMARY.

2. SINCE CHANGES ARE ENTIRELY UP TO PERON WHO PLAYS CARDS CLOSE TO CHEST, AT THIS POINT THERE CAN BE ONLY SPECULATION AS TO NATURE OF CHANGES AND PERSONALITIES INVOLVED HOTTEST CURRENT RUMOR, HOWEVER HAS IT THAT MIN OF INTERIOR LLAMBI WILL BECOME AMBASSADOR IN PARIS AND WILL BE REPLACED IN INTERIOR MIN BY ANTONIO BENITEZ, NOW MIN OF JUSTICE. OTHER NAMES FOR THAT SLOT HAVE BEEN MENTIONED, HOWEVER.
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3. JOREG TAIANA IS RUMORED TO BE ON WAY OUT AS MIN OF EDUCATION, THOUGH WE HAVE SEEN NO SPECULATION AS TO WHO MIGHT REPLACE HIM.

4. SOCIAL WELFARE MIN LOPEZ REGA MAY ALSO DROP HIS PORTFOLIO. IN HIS CASE THIS WOULD PROBABLY SIMPLYMEAN A RETURN TO HIS ROLE AS PERON'S CONFIDENT. HE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE FALLEN FROM GRACE.

5. RUMORS CONCERNING FONMIN VIGNES VARY. SOME INDICATE PERON WILL REPLACE HIM IMMEDIATELY AFTER INAUGURATION, OTHERS SUGGEST HE MAY STAY ON FOR PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS OR MORE. MOST OBSERVERSAGREE HE HAS BEEN WELCOME IMPROVEMENT OVER PUIG.

6. THOUGH THERE IS NO AGREEMENT AS TO WHAT POSITION HE MAY BE GIVEN, THERE IS WIDESPREAD SPECULATION THAT EX-VICE PRESIDENT SOLANO LIMA WILL HAVE IMPORTANT ROLE IN NEXT GOVERNMENT, WHETHER IT BE AS HEAD OF PERONS LONG TALKED OF COUNCIL OF STATE, OR AS FONMIN, OR IN SOME OTHER CAPACITY.

7. INTERESTING PROBLEM MAY ARISE WITH RESPECT TO VICE PRESIDENT ISABLE PERONS DUTIES AS PRESIDENT OF SENATE. A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THAT BODY HAVE INDICATED SENATE WILL NOT TAKE KINDLY TO HAVING ISABEL PRESIDE OVER THEM, AS VICE PRESIDENT CONSTITU-TIONALLY WOULD BE EXPECTED TO DO. MANY BELIEVE ISABLE WILL SIMPLY PRESIDE OVER ONE OR A FEW SESSIONS OF SENATE AND WILL THEN LEAVE THAT DUTY TO STILL TO BE ELECTED PROVISIONAL PRESIDENT OF SENATE (PROBABLY SENATOR JOSE HUMBERTO MARTIARENA).
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